Burwell scrambles

1959

THE castle slopes at Spring Close, Burwell, were covered with some 3,000 people on August Bank Holiday to watch the scramble organised by the Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle Club.

The course was in prime condition, being damp enough to eliminate any dust hazard and not too sticky as to bog the riders down in the mud.

The senior race was won easily by Andy Lee with K. Covell second and T.H. Howard third, all riding B.S.A. machines.

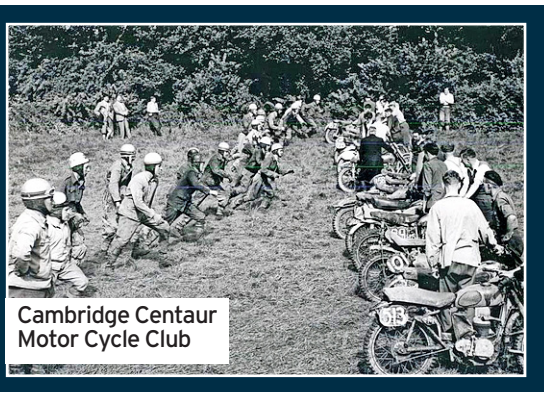
1952

CAMBRIDGE Centaur Motor Cycle Club's Bank Holiday Scramble at Spring Close, Burwell, attracted a crowd of over 5,000 who were treated to a thrilling afternoon's racing on what must be the finest scramble course for many miles.

Situated on the site of an old Norman castle and incorporating several crossings of the now dry moats, the course included a number of very steep ascents from which most of the riders made spectacular leaps.

Spectators were able to see most of the racing from the high ground in the centre of the track upon which the castle had stood.

Two very popular riders, E.J. Wiffen of the Grasshopper Club, and the local Centaur ace, H.D. Halsey, emerged as the stars of the meeting.



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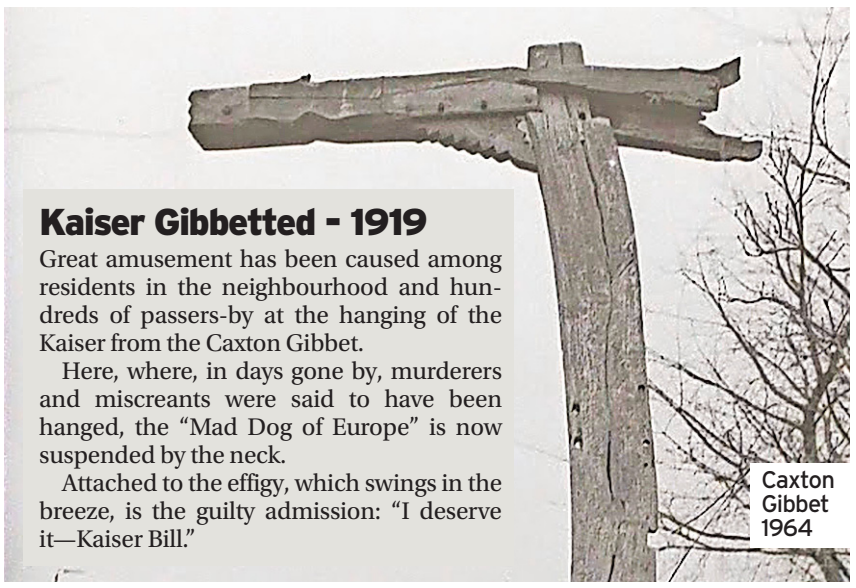


Caxton Gibbet 1964

Kaiser Gibbetted - 1919

Great amusement has been caused among residents in the neighbourhood and hundreds of passers-by at the hanging of the Kaiser from the Caxton Gibbet.

Here, where, in days gone by, murderers and miscreants were said to have been hanged, the "Mad Dog of Europe" is now suspended by the neck.

Attached to the effigy, which swings in the breeze, is the guilty admission: "I deserve it—Kaiser Bill."

efforts, the invaders were recaptured and restored to their proper place and peace again reigned over the trampled beds and broken bushes.

Papworth Soldiers Strike - 1919

At a meeting of the Cambridge War Pensions Committee, the story was told of a strike of discharged soldiers undergoing treatment at the Papworth Tuberculosis Colony.

Dr Aldren Wright told the committee that, on July 2, something not quite satisfactory occurred with regard to the food. There had been a little dissatisfaction before and, on this occasion, they asked the superintendent, Dr. Varrier-Jones, to receive a deputation.

Mr Varrier-Jones said he would be quite willing to listen to the individual complaints but would not interview them collectively.

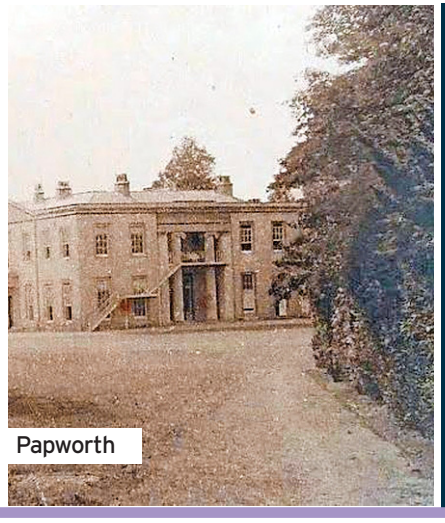
Three representatives, however, went in to see him and discussed with him the food situation and some words took place with the result that two of the men were dismissed, and this incident was followed by the whole of the discharged soldiers in the building, with one or two exceptions leaving the same day.

Sherlock Holmes in Cambridge - 1904

The current issue of the Strand Magazine possesses a special interest for Cambridge people since the town has furnished Sir Arthur Conan Doyle with material for his latest Sherlock Holmes story, 'The Missing Three-quarter.'

It concerns the disappearance of a member of the Cambridge University rugger team on the eve of the annual match against Oxford.

Holmes is supposed to visit Cambridge, residing in an inn next to a bicycle shop; he explores Histon, Oakington and Waterbeach before the final scene of the story which is set in a lonely cottage in a field near Trumpington.



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